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DAYTON MAN SENTENCED FOR HAVING ILLEGAL GUN SILENCER

(Beaumont, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 23-year-old Dayton man has been sentenced to 30 months in federal prison for firearms violations in the Eastern District of Texas. **ZACHARY MICHAEL JAMES WHITTAKER** was sentenced today by United States District Judge Marcia Crone.

U.S. Attorney Orwig was pleased with the sentence, "There can be absolutely no valid reason for anyone to have an unregistered silencer. This is a serious violation that will be aggressively prosecuted."

According to information presented in court, Whittaker designed, constructed and possessed a firearm silencer at his father's gun shop in Dayton on January 22, 2004. The silencer was constructed of PVC pipe, metal washers and cloth and was not registered pursuant to the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Act. Whittaker was indicted on April 16, 2005 and pleaded guilty on March 22, 2006.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James O. Jenkins, Jr.

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